

nation will not be forgotten. As a proud advocate of civil rights, he serves as a role model to the local and national communities on whose behalf he selflessly served. I am honored to pay tribute to his distinguished life of dedication, kindness, generosity, and wisdom.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my deepest condolences to Judge Marutani's family and friends. Please join me in honoring Judge William Marutani, a truly exceptional individual who dedicated his life to the service of others.

FULL CIRCLE: TURNING LIVES AROUND

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the work of the Full Circle Life Enrichment Center (FCLEC) located in the Bronx, New York.

Founded in 1999 by Derek Suite, MD, the FCLEC serves as a non-profit faith-based community mental health education and training center. The center is dedicated to destigmatizing attitudes towards mental health problems, increasing access to mental healthcare and helping to empower families that deal with life's challenges. Problems such as depression, anxiety, unemployment, domestic violence, trauma, marital conflict, drug use, HIV/AIDS, asthma, diabetes, racial disparities, homelessness, and unemployment have become steadily more pressing over the past decade. This organization has contributed valuable resources to the Bronx community and has set an exceptional example of service.

Full Circle has again and again demonstrated its commitment to compassion by offering over 50 workshops in 2003 that addressed some of the most troubling trends in urban communities such as the rise in depression, domestic violence, marital conflict, drug use, HIV/AIDS, asthma, heart diseases, diabetes, racial disparities, homelessness, and unemployment. These seminars bring together leading urban health care experts and educators who share a strong belief in a spiritually-sensitive approach to tackling the most pervasive of inner-city concerns.

Full Circle has positively affected over 10,000 lives, and its impact has spread hope in people's lives. Once again, let us as a body commend the efforts of Full Circle and acknowledge publicly the contribution of this organization.

TRIBUTE TO COACH WILLIE JEFFRIES

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a trailblazer, an athletic legend and a dear friend—Coach Willie Jeffries. Coach Jeffries has dedicated much of his extraordinary career to my alma mater, South Carolina State University in Orangeburg,

South Carolina. But his impact has been felt far beyond that campus.

Coach Jeffries is a man of humble beginnings. He was born in Union, South Carolina. His widowed mother raised him in a two-room house in this segregated Southern town. Earning money by working various jobs at the local white-only country club, he got to see how the other side lived.

He graduated from South Carolina State University with a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a Master's degree in guidance and counseling. Having played football and baseball for the historically black college, Coach Jeffries secured coaching jobs at segregated high schools in Lancaster and Gaffney, South Carolina. After compiling a six-year 65–7–2 record with three consecutive state AAA championships, North Carolina A&T came calling with an assistant coach's job, which started Coach Jeffries in college coaching. He was next lured to Pittsburgh as an assistant coach. There he tasted coaching against big-time college football schools such as Florida State, UCLA and West Virginia.

But when his alma mater sought him out, the 36-year-old Coach Jeffries jumped at the chance to come home and lead his beloved Bulldogs. In six seasons as his alma mater's head coach, he compiled a 50–13–4 record and became a hot prospect for other head coaching positions. It was an offer from Wichita State in Kansas that enticed Coach Jeffries to leave S.C. State. It was historic. Coach Jeffries became the first African American to serve as the head football coach of a predominantly white university. At Wichita State, he led a team that had lost 14 of its last 15 seasons to an 8–3 season after four years of rebuilding. After five years, he left the program, which later folded, and became the head coach for Howard University, where he spent another five years.

In 1989, another tug from S.C. State brought Coach Jeffries back to the place where his love of football began. He coached another 13 years, before retiring following the 2001 season to become the Director of Athletic Fund Raising for the Bulldogs. During his 29-year coaching career, Coach Jeffries amassed a 179–132–6 record. This tremendous record included six Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships, two national titles, several post-season appearances, and numerous coaching awards. He holds the title for the most wins of any S.C. State coach and the most MEAC victories.

Coach Jeffries has been inducted into the South Carolina State University Athletic Hall of Fame, the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame and the MEAC Hall of Fame. He has been honored with South Carolina's Order of the Silver Crescent, the state's highest award for community service. He has received the Black Coaches' Association with a lifetime achievement award and is enshrined in the Palmetto State's Black Hall of Fame. Since 2002, he has served on the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in commending Coach Willie Jeffries for his extraordinary contributions and courage. His is a legendary football coach that has touched many lives on and off the playing field. He is an inspiration to young people who aspire to rise above their current circumstances and even break barriers. This humble man from humble beginnings is a role

model, a resilient leader, and a renowned motivator. In short, Coach Willie Jeffries is a national treasure.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD HONORING THE MEMORY OF DOLORES "DELL" A. RAUDELUNAS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to honor the memory and legacy of Dell Raudelunas, former Chief Executive Officer for the United Way of Union County.

When Dell passed away on October 12, 2004, she left behind a lifetime of achievements to her family, community and the United Way. As a pioneer in leadership for social services, Dell exhibited great courage and served as a role model for many women and United Way professionals. She was a true leader who has been described as being dynamic, professional, insightful and determined.

In addition to her role as CEO for the United Way of Union County, she helped to launch United Way organizations in Hunterdon and Sussex Counties. She served on the United Way's National Task Force for Development of Women and the National Professional Advisory Council. In their first Annual Tribute to Women, the Boy Scouts honored her for being an exemplary role model. As an advocate for education, she served as a member of the Union County College Board of Governors where she chaired the nominating and auditing committees.

As Dell is remembered during a Memorial Service on October 23, 2004, many will recall her caring of others and the impact she made in the community. Her vision for the social and economic development of Union County led to her being a founding member and chairperson of the Union County Alliance. Dell also served on other Councils and Boards where her membership was valued.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues join me in letting Dolores "Dell" A. Raudelunas' family, friends and associates know that her memory will always be honored and cherished.

TRIBUTE TO MARANATHA FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Maranatha Fellowship Church in Saint Albans, West Virginia, and their celebration of twenty-eight (28) years of service to the Kanawha Valley and surrounding area.

On October 13, 1976, Pastor James R. Wright, Jr. held a service in the living room of a home in Dunbar, West Virginia. Twenty-eight (28) years later, Maranatha and Rev. Wright minister to a loving, caring congregation of over 3,000 people from every walk of life.

In particular, I acknowledge Dr. James R. Wright, Jr., Pastor of Maranatha Fellowship